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Smallpox in Atlanta.

[Telegram.]

ATLANTA, GA., *February 16, 1898.*

Two cases since last report. Both from county.

THOS. E. VEAL,
Chief Sanitary Department.

Case of smallpox in Brownsville, Tex.

BROWNSVILLE, TEX., *February 7, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that, on the 3d of February I discovered a case of smallpox at the north corner of the intersection of Elizabeth and Fifth streets in this city. The patient is a Mexican woman 35 years of age. So far she can give no positive history of exposure. In my capacity as city physician I immediately had the house flagged and quarantined, and every precaution is being taken to prevent the disease from spreading.

I am sir, respectfully yours,

FREDERICK J. COMBE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Charlotte, N. C.

RALEIGH, *February 12, 1898.*

SIR: You are hereby informed that 4 cases of smallpox have been reported to this office as existing in Charlotte. The origin of the disease is 1 from Greenville, S. C.; 3 varioloid in vaccinated cases. Precautions taken—isolation and vaccination.

RICH. H. LEWIS,
Secretary of State Board of Health.

Investigation of smallpox at Charlotte, N. C.

WILMINGTON, N. C., *February 14, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to supplement my telegram from Charlotte, N. C., by the following report: In obedience to your telegraphic instructions of 9th instant, I proceeded by first train to Charlotte, N. C., arriving at 10.30 p. m., February 10. I was met by the acting mayor and city and county physicians. I learned that the situation was as follows: A case, diagnosed as smallpox by the authorities, occurred January 22 in the person of William Jackson (colored), railroad hand, recently returned from Greenville, S. C., where it is supposed he contracted the disease. Jackson died on January 27. The case and all exposed persons were isolated, the latter being all vaccinated. One week after the death of William Jackson his son Oscar Jackson, then in quarantine, developed varioloid; about the same time a girl, Sally Wagoner, developed varioloid in a different part of the city, for which no infection could be traced. This case, and all exposed persons, were removed to the pesthouse. An ordinance of compulsory vaccination was passed by the board of aldermen. The execution of this ordinance met with much opposition in some quarters, especially among the factory and mill hands, due in part to the wide-spread rumor that the cases were not smallpox, but more largely to the fact that many persons who had been